FEDERATION OF DUBLIN ANTI-WATER CHARGES CAMPAIGNS

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Appeal to Democratic Left Delegates

Members of Democratic Left have campaigned for more than a decade against the double taxation service charges. They will be shocked and angered at the shabby 'compromise' agreed by the Democratic Left party leaders in agreeing to continue disconnecting non-payers' water supply.

In accepting that the terror tactic of disconnecting non-payers' water supply will continue, the Democratic Left leaders have sold out their membership and those workers who believed the promise that water cut-offs had ended.

However delegates to the Democratic Left Conference this weekend have an opportunity to reverse the capitulation of the Parliamentary Party.

We appeal to Democratic Left delegates to stand by the PAYE worker and by emergency motion at the Conference to ensure that Democratic Left stands by its promise to completly abolish disconnection.

The Federation of Dublin Anti-Water Charges Campaigns will continue to oppose these charges and are working with anti-charges campaigns in Cork, Waterford, Clonmel, Limerick, Galway and other towns around the country to build for a national Anti- Service Charges Conference on Saturday May 13th in ATWGU Hall, Dublin to which Democratic Left delegates are invited.

While the Democratic Left leadership will describe the shabby 'compromise' as a partial victory, the reality is that PAYE workers still carry the overwhelming burden of taxation while millionaire tax evaders wait for their next tax amnesty. Because of the failure to tax the profits of the multinationals, the super wealthy elite and rancher farmers, local authorities are starved of needed funds.

We appeal to Democratic Left delegates to join our fight for the complete abolition of these unjust double taxation service charges and for adequate funding of local authority services.

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